

What a Woman's Hat Is to Her

By ADA PATTERSON

The season is not yet spent, and the next one is not far off, when men say silly things about a woman and her hat.

They grumble at the expense of the hat. They complain that their wives' hats cost twice as much as their own and last half as long. They strike foolish attitudes of haughty sighting game when the deplumed or bird decorated hat enters the room atop the heads of their spouses or daughters, and they indulge in cheap humor about the size, the shape or the colors of the new head covering. They declare that every new hat is unbecoming, and they think so. They are conservatively beings, at least in the household, to whom the new always means the ugly.

A man rails at a hat ostensibly because of its expense and what he considers its unfitness and what he considers in many instances unconsciously, because he has a dim sense of the truth that a woman's hat is a man's trap. Many a would-be bachelor has been snared by a blue bow so placed that it makes the face beneath it look like forget-me-nots fresh plucked from a dewy garden, or by the twist of a fold of golden brown velvet that belied the golden brown tresses of the wearer's hair, or by the shape of a black-plumed hat that threw its owner's blonde beauty into cameo-like relief.

There are psychological moments in a courtship, as tense and balanced as the big scene in the play, and when the man is repeating the soliloquy of the bachelor, to be or not to be married, the beauty and the becomingness of a girl's hat has often settled its fate. He knows this. They know this. The mighty creature, who concerns themselves only with the great affairs of life, so the mighty creature thinks, and who believe that they direct the destinies may be caught upon the hook of a hat buckle, secured by a feather, enmeshed in the folds of the coil of silk that encircles a new bonnet. Men hate extravagance or frivolity, or they think they do, for it is true that they are deceivers ever and that the persons whom they most deceive are themselves.

Find out what a man genuinely thinks of himself and what his family and neighbors think of him and you will be amazed at his self-deception. He knows vaguely that he "likes to see a woman look well." The details of that looking well he leaves to the woman, and one of the most important of these details is her hat. Let a woman's hat be to her what a frame is to a picture. And there let us pause and recall what frames have done to pictures we have seen. They have enhanced them or extinguished them.

They have brought into the foreground for our admiration the green of a meadow, the purple of a far-off hill, or the glory of a cloud short with the crimson of a sunset and set. Or they have caused the picture to fade into utter insignificance. The success or failure of the function of that frame has depended upon the wisdom or folly of the choice.

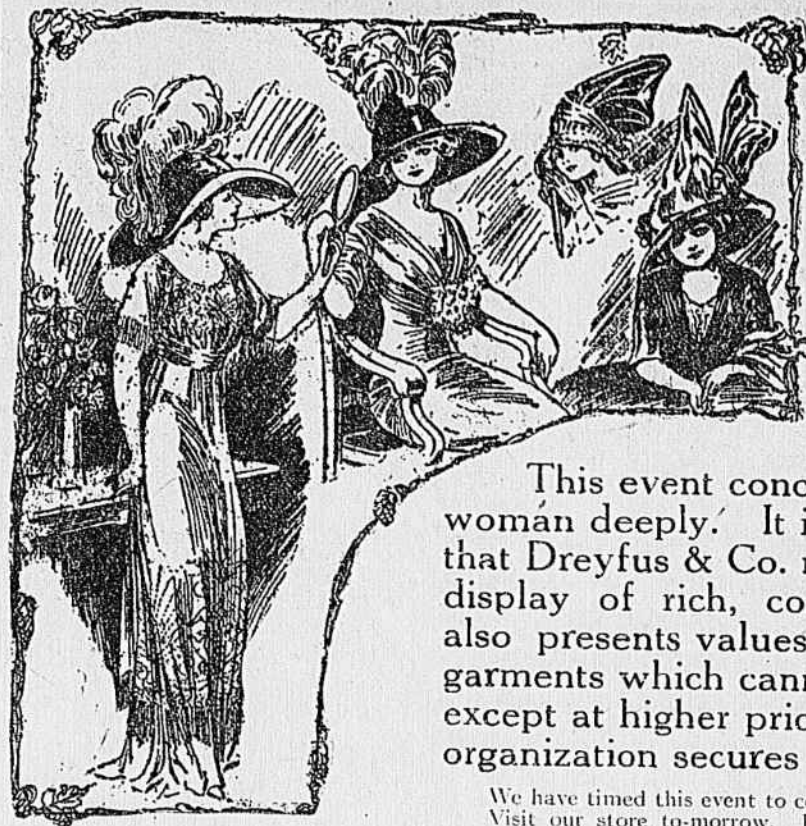
A large picture of bold outlines looked smaller when surrounded by a large frame. So the woman who has a full, broad face, reduces the appearance of fullness and fatness by a broad-brimmed, large hat. The picture that is delicate and full of cool tones would pale into its significance if framed in gilt. The eternally youthful Sarah Bernhardt expressed one of her secrets of prolonged youth when she said: "Wear a diamond necklace or a bright gold brooch? Not! Not! I want my eyes to be the diamonds and my hair to be the gold. If I wear glittering things they shall be no nearer my face than may waist or wrists. I shall not let myself be adorned by my clothes."

It is a sound principle of dressing that clothes should not diminish, but enhance the charms of the wearer. Therefore, the girl or small features and delicate coloring should rely upon a dark frame for her head and face. Vivid blues and brilliant reds will cause her to look pallid and pinched. The woman should be more conspicuous than her hat, not the hat more conspicuous than the woman. The frame must not dwarf the picture.

Be sure that your hat is merely a frame showing you to the best advantage. Don't let it caricature you. Follow the trend of fashion, but at a distance to give you perspective, to permit you to know whether a style has intrinsic beauty and can be adapted to you, or whether it is a monstrosity not adaptable to any one. Follow it discreetly, but never let it possess you. Let the style you consider oftentimes and longest be your style.

In choosing the hat, which is your crown, and may be the arbiter of your fate, be sure first that its outline is becoming to both your face and your figure, second whether the color harmonizes with your hair, matches your eyes, or blends well into your complexion; third, whether it is suitable for the occasions on which you will wear it; fourth whether it agrees with the rest of your wardrobe. For a hat may as violently disagree with the garments with which it is worn as a particularly forbidden dish with one's stomach, and the results may be as painful.

Let your hat be a frame, only a frame, but a suitable and becoming one, emphasizing you.



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"DOORSTEP KINDNESS."

Dr. Johnson, asked on one occasion why he was not more frequently invited out, replied "Because great lords and ladies do not like to have their minds stopped." In other words, the eminent lexicographer objected to "doorstep kindness," to hospitality which limited his freedom of speech. The phrase was used by the Bishop of London at the Church Congress recently to describe the general attitude of the church and the upper classes to the poor. In an earnest and eloquent speech he made a plea for the demolition of the barrier that exists between the upper classes and the toiling millions. "Not till we realize," he said, "that the young workman is as proud and sensitive as our own young brother who has come home from the University of Sandhurst, not till we realize that he does not want charity or pity or being preached at any more than their fellow who has not till then have given him sympathy."

Perhaps there is no feeling more subtle, more elusive and more difficult to eradicate than the feeling of superiority. In a hundred different ways it manifests itself, and no class of society seems free from it. The professional man's wife "condescends" to the draper's wife, the clerk's wife patronizes the mechanic's wife, the "charlady" looks down on the "step-lady," and so it goes on. Is it any matter for wonder then, that those who clothe themselves in purple and fine linen, who fare sumptuously every day, who are surrounded by all the culture, all the beauty and all the luxury which modern civilization can provide, find it hard to believe that a common humanity binds them to people who dwell in hovels, whose hands are begrimed with soot, whose backs are bent beneath the terrible burden imposed upon them from their cradles, and who dwell continuously in the company of the grim specters of disease and poverty?

The Gulf certainly seems almost impassable, but it must be bridged before any advance can be made in the direction of the abolition of class war and class hatred.

There is something in the heart of every honest workman—and by the term man I include women—that rebels fiercely against patronage. He may be poor and sick and sorry, but so long as he has not permitted himself to be patronized he can look the whole world in the face. He still possesses liberty of the spirit; he has not sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Why, for the sake of any material advantage, should a man allow his soul to be sold?

If women in the upper classes could act upon the advice of the Bishop of London, if they could regard the poor in just the same way as they regard their own relatives, credit them with just as the feelings and as great sensitivity, what a wonderful influence for good they could exert! For, as psychologists tell us, the best way to make a man noble is to think he is noble. Of course, it may be objected that all poor people are not noble, that many are "idle, shiftless, and quite as willing to wallow in the dirt, if they think there is anything to be got out of the process." Very true, but it should be the

object of those more enlightened to eradicate this servility instead of encouraging it. This can only be accomplished by creating such a feeling of respect as if they were mere receptacles for charity, but as if they possessed hearts and souls and minds. By this means it is often possible to create in them a feeling of self-respect. In the dealing of one class with another, especially in the relations of people who have had every moral, mental and physical advantage with those who have had every conceivable hindrance and handicap, understanding and sympathy are the chief requisites.

HARRISONBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., December 9.—Mrs. Robert Ott, of Lynchburg, W. Va., is visiting relatives here. Mrs. L. S. Conrad has returned from a visit to Mrs. Bell, in Staunton. Mrs. Emma Stapp, of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Bowman, here. Miss Kate Lee returned yesterday to her home in St. Louis, after a visit to Mrs. C. K. Oberfel, of Lexington. Mrs. J. J. Hiner, of Monterey, Highland county, is visiting relatives in Lexington. Miss Katie Belle Robison is visiting relatives in Jeromesville, O. Arthur Myers, who has been spending two years in Texas and Colorado, is here on a visit to his father, County Surveyor Joseph G. Myers. Miss Ethel Vest, who spent the summer and fall in Harrisonburg, has returned to her home in New York. Miss Evick, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. A. S. Whitesel, on East Market Street. Miss Nellie Minor, of Charlottesville, arrived Tuesday to spend the winter with her brother, Dr. J. G. Minor, of Bridgewater. Mrs. Winfield Laggett has returned from Washington, where she visited Mrs. Jacob Laggett, who is a patient in Garfield Hospital. Mrs. George G. Gratton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cannaday, in Charleston, W. Va. Miss Kate Lee, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting Mrs. Lucile Rosenberger. Mrs. Emma Stapp is visiting friends in Culpeper.

BRISTOL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., December 9.—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McNeill have returned from Salem, where, on Wednesday, they attended the wedding of Thelma Morgan and Miss Grace Nichols. The bride is a sister of Mrs. McNeill. The bride and groom will visit Mr. and Mrs. McNeill here upon returning from their bridal tour. The Rev. W. H. Burleigh and little son, of Portsmouth, are the guests of Bristol friends. Mr. Burleigh, who was formerly pastor of the First Christian Church here, is holding a series of meetings at the East Bristol Christian Church. The Rev. D. Vance Price, of Mt. Airy, N. C., visited Bristol recently. It was his first visit since he served as pastor of State Street Methodist Church, many years ago. He delivered a lecture while here, and was given

a most cordial welcome. He is a son of the Rev. H. M. Price. Mrs. J. N. Mooney is entertaining as her guests Mrs. C. E. Steele, of Wytheville, Mr. and Mrs. George Mooney, of Big Stone Gap, and Mrs. D. F. Brainer, of Morristown. Mrs. Frank Bell is visiting friends in Washington, D. C. The guest of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. G. Davis. Mrs. L. C. Worth has returned to her home at Weston, N. C., after a visit to Mrs. Ezra Powers. Dr. J. T. Henderson, president of Virginia Interstate College, attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Association, which met at Winston-Salem this week. Judge James A. Buchanan, of the state Supreme Court, is at his home at Emory.

BERRYVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Berryville, Va., December 9.—Mrs. J. Sloan Kuykendall and two children, of Romney, W. Va., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, at the Methodist parsonage. Dean Scheidt, of Columbia, O., is visiting relatives in Berryville. Miss Elvira Moore has returned from a visit to friends in Rockville, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smallwood, after visiting friends near Bluemont, have returned to their home in Martinsburg, W. Va. Colonel Robert F. Hardy and Earl Groves, both of Luzay, were recent

visitors here. Mrs. Aubrey C. Wiley is visiting friends and relatives in Martinsburg, W. Va. On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jackson celebrated their "tin wedding," the tenth anniversary of their marriage. A supper was laid in a dining-room. Oscar Littleton spent several days in Baltimore recently. Mrs. Mary Brewer, of Rockville, Md., is the guest of the Misses Moore. Mrs. E. L. Wilson, of Charlottesville, W. Va., visited relatives in Berryville recently. Miss Eugenia Kimmell, of Clarke county, is the guest of Mrs. S. K. Phillips. Mrs. W. A. Withers is visiting friends in Frederick, Md. Ralph Galloway spent several days last week at Halltown. Mrs. Emma V. Perry, of New York, after an extended visit to friends here, has returned to her Northern home. Miss Laura Taylor is visiting friends in Washington, D. C. Misses Kate and Annie Hoskinson and Miss Dorothy Burdette, of Martinsburg, W. Va., have made a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pulliam.

WADESBORO

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wadesboro, N. C., December 9.—Mrs. Theodor L. Caudle is in Hartsville, S. C., the guest of Mrs. M. S. McKinnon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams and children of Atlanta, are spending some time with Mr. Williams' mother. Mrs. T. B. Henry attended the State

Baptist Convention in session in Winston-Salem. Miss Annie Lee Harper has returned after visiting friends in Charlotte. Misses Rosa Moore and Esther Lewis and Professor J. H. Melvor, of the graded school faculty, attended the state teachers' meeting in Raleigh last week. Mrs. Bennett Leak, of Darlington, S. C., is here visiting relatives. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McQueen was the scene of a pretty ceremony when their daughter, Miss Essie, was united in marriage to William Davis, of Florence, S. C. Those out of town attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardan, of Society Hill, S. C.; Dr. H. Harden, Mrs. C. R. Spencer and Mrs. W. M. McCreight, of Cheraw, S. C.; and Miss May McQueen, a sister of the bride, who is in school in Greensboro. Another marriage of much interest to a large circle of friends was that of a Tuesday at noon of Miss Edna Earle Ratliff, to former State Senator James A. Leak, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ratliff, in Ansonville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. G. Bradley, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, of Wadesboro.

APPOMATTOX

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Appomattox, Va., December 9.—Miss Manning, of Portsmouth, and Mr. Jackson, of Norfolk, are visiting at the home of J. R. Caldwell. Marcellus Cheatham, of Roanoke, re-

turned home yesterday after a week's stay in this county with friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wheeler, of Lynchburg, have been visiting at the home of John W. Wright. Professor L. C. Crawley and Miss Mary L. Conks have returned from their visit to the teachers' conference at Norfolk. The exhibit there of the domestic science work of the high school was highly commended. Professor Crawley was made president of the agricultural section of the conference. The following officers of the Monroe Lodge, No. 201, A. F. & A. M., were elected at the last Masonic meeting: J. B. Abbott, worshipful master; J. H. Hensley, senior warden; A. T. Inge, junior warden; B. G. Anderson, treasurer; R. C. Harvey, secretary; B. J. Burke, senior deacon; F. L. Martin, junior deacon. The master announced John C. Martin, Rev. R. B. Blankenship and Rev. J. C. Leys, chaplains; D. N. Twyman and L. J. Morris, stewards for the ensuing year.

BOYDTON

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Boynton, Va., December 9.—The teachers of the high school here gave a very delightful entertainment in the Town Hall a few nights ago. The children showed good training and much skill in their dancing. Misses Russell and Thayer, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and Thomas H. Boyd, who has been

spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Bryson, at South Hill, has returned home. Mrs. Walter Check, who has been spending the fall months with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. E. Homes, returned to her home in Richmond this week. Mrs. Frank Clark and little daughter from Wythe county, arrived a few days ago to spend the holidays with her mother. C. J. Faulkner, who has been spending some time in Richmond, has returned home. W. P. Hamilton, of this place, has gone to Thomasville, N. C., to accept the position of cashier in a bank at that place. Mrs. Mary Caskie, who has been residing with her oldest son in Canada, reached here a few days ago to spend the winter. Miss Ethel Williams, who has been the guest of Miss Mattie Baskerville, of Richmond, is home again. Ned Turpin, of Randolph-Macon Academy, spent Thanksgiving with his parents here. Tom Ellett, with his family, have removed from Buffalo Springs to this place. Miss Ethel Jayne, of Richmond, arrived here recently, and will make this place her home. Miss Lulu Baskerville, who has been for the last three months in New York visiting friends, has returned this week.

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